



**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
CITY REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES**

The City Review Commission held its public meeting in the Planning and Economic Development Department, Planning Division, 5th Floor, Americas Conference Room, City Hall, 2 Civic Center Plaza, April 7, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. The following were present:

City Review Committee Members Present:

Chair David Coronado, Planning and Economic Development, Lead Planner

Esther Guerrero, Planning and Economic Development, Planner

Michael Neligh, Engineering and Construction Management, Senior Plans Examiner

Staff Members Present:

Robert Almonte, City Attorney's Office, Assistant City Attorney

Cynthia Osborn, City Attorney's Office, Assistant City Attorney

Ernesto Arriola, Planning and Economic Development, Planner

Members of the Public:

Pat Graham Casey, property owner

Tom Casey, property owner

Luis R. Martinez, L. M. Sheet Metal and A/C

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chair's Comments/Public Comment

Chair Coronado called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

2. PLRG11-00008 Lot 4, Block 1, Rim Road Addition, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas

Location: 419 Hague Road

Zone: R-4/NCO (Residential/Neighborhood Conservancy Overlay)

Request: Air-conditioning units replacement

Mr. Ernesto Arriola read into the record the following public comment from the Rim Area Neighborhood Association Representative, Dr. Richard Teschner:

"I have recently discussed the 419 Hague Road property's air conditioner request with the Rim Area Neighborhood Association President Bob Brannon. The two of us agree that replacing the previous air-conditioning units with similar or identical air-conditioning units, which we understand to be the homeowner's intention, is in no way objectionable to the Association."

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Per the Staff Report, Mr. Arriola corrected the names of the property owners to read "Thomas and Patricia Casey".

Prior to the PowerPoint presentation, Ms. Guerrero explained she had previously suggested that the Rim Area Neighborhood Association might want to consider amending the code whereby air conditioning, reroofing and, possibly other requests, could be approved Administratively.

Ms. Casey stated she would make that recommendation at the next Association meeting.

Ms. Osborn suggested Staff do some outreach with the Neighborhood Association and if they're amenable to it, then Staff could move forward with amending the Code.

As evident by the letter, Mr. Casey explained, he had already had a conversation with the Neighborhood Association President.

Mr. Neligh commented.

Ms. Guerrero clarified since the Association and the Board were involved in the process of writing the code, it would be best if the recommendations came from them, in order for the city to make any amendments.

Mr. Arriola gave a PowerPoint presentation and noted **STAFF RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING TWO AIR-CONDITIONING UNITS WITH SIMILAR SIZE AND COLOR AIR-CONDITIONING UNITS.**

The following Rim-University Neighborhood Plan Design Standards apply:

2. ***Architectural Styles and Materials***
 - (b) *The use of shapes, exterior wall colors, and design features which are substantially different from the shapes, exterior wall colors and design features in the Neighborhood shall not be permitted.*
3. ***Roofs***
 - (a) *Mechanical equipment and utility hardware on new construction shall be screened from public view.*
7. ***Paint and Color***
 - (a) *Metallic and fluorescent colors are not permitted.*

APPLICATION DESCRIPTION

The applicants are requesting that the City Review Committee review and authorize the release of permits for property located at 419 Hague Road. The applicants are proposing to replace existing air-conditioning units. All work will need to be done in accordance with the Rim/University Neighborhood Plan.

Mr. Casey noted the two new refrigerated air units will be in the same location as the previous two swamp cooler units.



Chair Coronado asked if there were any further questions of Staff or the applicant. There being none.

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Neligh, seconded by Ms. Guerrero and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST.**

3. Approve the Minutes for the past CRC Meeting(s):
March 10, 2011

MOTION:

Motion made by Ms. Guerrero and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MARCH 10, 2011 MINUTES.**

ABSTAIN: Chair Coronado and Mr. Neligh

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Coronado adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

